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SUBJECT: LONG-TERM HOPES FOR BALBOA PORT DEVELOPMENT

1. IF A NEW TREATY GOES INTO EFFECT, PANAMA EXPECTS TO TAKE OVER CONTROL OF MOST OF THE PORT OF BALBOA. AT THAT TIME SHE WILL REQUIRE $100 MILLION FOR "RECONDITIONING" THE PIERS AND DOCKS, ACCORDING TO ING. NICOLAS REAL, PRESIDENT OF THE PANAMANIAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS. IN A TV APPEARANCE GIVEN GOOD COVER-
AGE BY THE LOCAL PRESS, REAL CALLED FOR A COORDINATED APPROACH IN PLANNING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CANAL ZONE ONCE PANAMA EXERCISES EFFECTIVE JURISDICTION THERE, WITH FULL COOPER-
ATION AMONG THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES THAT WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE INTERGRATION OF THE ZONE INTO THE PANAMANIAN SOCIETY. REAL IMPLIED, PERHAPSUNINTENTIONALLY, THAT THE FUNDS WOULD BE SOUGHT ABROAD WHEN HE SAID THAT "OUR COUNTRY" WILL NEED ABOUT $100 MILLION FOR THIS WORK.

2. REAL WENT ON TO SAY THAT PANAMA'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE CANAL PRIOR TO THE YEAR 2000 WILL OBLIGE HER TO MAKE "MODIFICATIONS" TO FACILITATE THE PASSAGE OF SHIPS OF LARGE TONNAGE. THE CANAL OPERATIONS WILL REQUIRE MORE WATER; ACCORDINGLY, GREATER WATER RESERVES WILL BE NECESSARY, HE SAID.
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EM COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS LONG BEEN AWARE THE PANAMANIANS FEEL THAT A PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE WHICH WILL ACCRUE TO THEM WITH THE ABSORPTION OF THE CANAL ZONE INTO THE PANAMANIAN ECONMY WILL BE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PORT AND HARBOR DEVELOPMENT. HERETOFORE, HOWEVER, THE GOP AND THE LOCAL PRESS HAVE REARELY MENTIONED SUCH PLANS.

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